



***** MEDIA ADVISORY *****

Contact: Jennifer Whitty
Cal Maritime
707-654-1720

Award Winning Maritime Writer To Speak At Cal Maritime

WHAT: “Should Officers Once Again Be Masters of their Ships?” Award winning maritime writer Robert Frump contends they are not now but should be. **Frump will speak at The California Maritime Academy, a campus of The California State University, on Thursday, April 8th.** The lecture is part of Cal Maritime’s free community lecture series entitled “Speaking of...”

Frump will discuss the shipwreck of the Marine Electric, the merchant marine ship that sank off the coast of Virginia in 1983, and the plight of mariners and officers in today’s complex world of oil spills, terrorism, and piracy. The shipwreck, which killed 31 of the 34 men onboard, was the inspiration for Frump’s non-fiction book “Until the Sea Shall Free Them,” which Disney has optioned for a film it describes as “The Perfect Storm” meets “A Civil Action.” A book signing will follow the lecture.

WHEN: **Thursday, April 8, 2004**
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: **The California Maritime Academy**
Rizza Auditorium
200 Maritime Academy Drive, Vallejo

WHY: The free lecture series is a community service of Cal Maritime. The goal of the series is to present an annual season of lectures by scholars, and professionals on topics of general interest to enrich the community, and to welcome the community to the California State University campus.

Cal Maritime is a cultural resource for the city of Vallejo and the Bay Area offering three art forms: Cal Maritime hosts Summertime at the Maritime, a series of free music concerts presented on the waterfront lawn; The Vallejo Film Society presents its season of high quality films at the campus; and the free community lecture series entitled “Speaking of...” debuted earlier this year.

###